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Toc H members accept a four-fold commitment: 1. to build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man; 2. to give personal service; 3. to find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others; 4. to work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God. This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points—to think fairly.

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On the cover

Ever since the days when serfs congregated just outside bowshot range and hurled insult and abuse at "My Lords of the Tower", the square adjacent to All Hallows Church has been the scene for provocation, humour, religious fervour and bloody executions.

In the gardens nearby a plaque recalls the fact that 125 people were put to death there, including Sir Thomas More in 1535.

Through it all the church has stood a sentinel over what is right and a sanctuary for those in trouble. It is fitting that Toc H should build its centre at such a place.

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the wisdom to be mad

"If Toc H is to come true then we've got to be mad enough to believe that it will. Let us be wise enough to be mad and brave enough to resist being cured of our madness by the world's cynicism." Pat Leonard wrote those words in 1928 but they are an appropriate comment with which to begin this Festival issue. The Festival is not merely an occasion for nostalgia and thanksgiving for the past. It is primarily an occasion for re-affirming our confidence in the future.

This doesn't mean that we blithely ignore our failings and turn a blind eye to what we know to be wrong in Toc H—I don't imagine anyone will accuse *Point Three* of doing that! False optimism based on the evasion of reality is not much use to us. Our confidence needs to be more firmly based.

Grounds for confidence are not, in fact, difficult to find. Our current series, "breaking new ground", for instance, describes some of the methods being used to spread the spirit of Toc H in very different situations, some of the ways in which Toc H is coming to grips with the real issues in contemporary society.

In the kind of work in which we are engaged quick results cannot be expected, but already sufficient evidence has been accumulated to justify our confidence in these experiments. The occasion of the Festival should surely encourage us to plan for the future. We need to consider now what kind of Movement we want to see in 1975. The publication in this issue, therefore, of the Five Year Plan drawn up by the Surrey, South & West London Area seems to me appropriate.

A further, and in some ways more important, reason for confidence arises from the growing realisation of the need for flexibility. The

well-trying methods that are right for most branches are not necessarily right for the young volunteer groups now being formed and both sides are beginning to recognise the fact and are beginning to acknowledge the particular contribution that each can make. Toc H is a Movement of the spirit, not a society for the preservation of rules and rituals.

The keynote of the Festival, then, should be confidence for the future. And that implies, surely, that it should not be an unduly solemn occasion. The dictionary defines "festival" as "merrymaking". The Festival reminds us that, while we must always take the work that we are doing seriously, we must never take ourselves too seriously. "Let us be wise enough to be mad and brave enough to resist being cured of our madness by the world's cynicism."

The message we have to proclaim is the Resurrection message, the astounding claim that, despite all appearances to the contrary, Christ lives, and lives through us. Despite the brutality and violence in the world, despite the obscenity of racial and religious intolerance, despite the continuance of poverty and squalor, despite all the evidence of man's inhumanity to man, the message of the Resurrection is that love has triumphed. Love is stronger than hatred and the coming of God's kingdom will not forever be delayed. From the first this message was a stumbling block to the Jews and mere foolishness to the Greeks and so for many it remains. This is the madness to which we are committed. This is the hope which gives us the confidence, in Tubby's words, "to lay aside a sense of failure and step out bravely in the Master's Name into the wilderness of human need".

K.P.B.

forward into the '70's

The Festival is a time for looking to the future and it seems, therefore, an appropriate time to publish the five year plan adopted by the Surrey, S. & W. London Area in April. The plan, drawn up by the Area Team, is naturally devised with the particular circumstances of the Area concerned in mind, but there is a great deal in it which is of much wider significance and which may be helpful to other Areas as they plan for the future.

50 years on and we are at the crossroads: are we prepared to take the road that our new symbol leads us on? The road we take, and at what speed, during the next five years, will be critical. Either we face the problem of withdrawing gracefully or we find a new Movement on our hands with a fast growing future. At the end of this period Toc H may well be without "Tubby" and we are well aware that there are a number of people who feel that Toc H will die with "Tubby". We have other ideas, of course, but nevertheless we shall have to adjust ourselves to the fact that there will be fewer full time staff and those that remain will have much more specific functions than in the past. This means that the burden now borne by the staff must largely be transferred to the membership in the years to come. There is also the possibility that the Regions of the Movement will become self-governing, for engaging staff, finance, etc. and if this comes about we must realise that monies from the committed membership have got to remain in "the Family". At present only one third of our annual budget is found from the membership and if we believe in Toc H we must stop raising funds for other charities. We are always crying out for a more professional approach to the public by way of films, etc., but this costs money, money which can only be found by our own efforts for our own Movement.

The responsibilities which the joint Districts now have must be accepted and we feel that they should see Toc H as a creative force and not a happy-go-lucky, back slapping, ritual-ridden organisation. All we do in the future must be envisaged as a joint enterprise but this is bound to founder if we simply see this in terms of a merger of existing units. Let us therefore try and preserve a high ideal to which people can aspire and at the same time create those situations which can provide real leadership. In this context we should be prepared to accept a completely different pattern of working and it is our belief that one of the major reasons for our present situation is the lack of confrontation both within our groups and with society. By "confrontation" we mean a face to face meeting, without evasion, between people who are in conflict. Participation of this kind will generate a concern for the needs of the people, their dignity and the quality of life which they are able to enjoy. Such an involvement may bring us into conflict with those upholding the *status quo* and therefore we have to accept the risk of perhaps being engaged in political action and the consequences it might entail.

We, the members of the Area staff and team, feel that the time has now come for this Area to take the necessary steps in this direction and we therefore suggest the following five year plan:—

FIRST YEAR

We suggest that in each District a small sub-committee (Projects Team) be set up to investigate fully the possibilities of any project(s) in which all units can participate, bearing in mind the need to redeploy resources. Recruitment of younger folk must be a priority and it is crucial that unless we confront all sorts of people, particularly the younger element, with tasks that really involve, we will have failed. During this first year we must train ourselves to become respected leaders in the community (this may well mean studying the proposals of the Seebohm Report) with a view to initiating the right kind of community action. If we want to be involved we must stand for something and not take a "middle-of-the-road" attitude. This means that we must present ourselves to the public in a positive and challenging way and use every opportunity to advertise that we exist and more important what we exist for.

SECOND YEAR

By this second year each District may well find the value of one large corporate job around which practically all its physical work revolves. This should include working weekends where those involved, of all ages and sexes, can really meet together. These weekends should also be used to encourage and foster leadership tendencies amongst those, as yet uncommitted, whom we should have attracted if we have approached our task in a positive manner. The way should also be clear to starting up more follow-up groups, but the setting up of these must be fully prepared in advance. These could well be in neighbourhoods which are the friction points in the urban situation, viz. Epsom (gypsies), Notting Hill (the dispossessed), etc. Our return to Inner London is probably the prime job and we would think our only excuse to ask for staff participation.

THIRD YEAR

In this year we will have to stress the real partnership that we are offering to those involved on differing levels and we shall have to take great care that the dedicated core of leaders have not built themselves into a clique. By this time we should have got the hang of running informal groupings and be able to adapt successful patterns and go ahead with yet more groupings.

FOURTH YEAR

By now we may have to close down some groups where perhaps the main purpose has evaporated for one reason or another. We may also have to get used to the idea of having a large number of members of the Association in one District, but for them NOT

to be in branches or group patterns, but rather as individuals with specific gifts. We shall also be moving into the position when schools, industrial concerns with large numbers of apprentices, students and many others will be approaching us to run meaningful community service work projects, and we shall truly be an "agency" for jobs and volunteers in each District. It is essential, therefore, that by now each District should have two or three residential projects planned and have maintained their corporate work centres (see year 2) in order to satisfy these demands.

FIFTH YEAR

Every District by now should have a regular plan of one Extension Centre, one corporate job around which the whole "membership" revolves and two or more residential projects. The District should be financing these and in its working weekends will have the opportunity to interpret fully the Four Points, which are the mainspring of our Movement.

The pattern of development which we have set out may seem revolutionary to some, but because we feel that a fundamental change in our attitude is needed, we are sure that only something of this nature can help us survive the challenge of the next five years.

Fellowship, Fairmindedness and Service, it is the same as it ever was, but we must use our service and physical involvement more. Surely the lessons which we have learnt must now make it even clearer that we must use a plan, fix targets and confront people with involvement. Only this way can we attempt to bring about the reconciliation of man with man and man with God, which after all is the only real cause for our existence.

welcome point

The following branches elected new members during April:

- 14—Accrington (j).
- 4—Bramcote (j), Harefield (j), Skelmorlie (m).
- 3—Bargoed (w), Cosby (m), Maidstone (m), Richmond (Yorks.) (w), Whitstable (w).
- 2—Beckley (m), Chirk (w), Crawley (m), Earley (m), Fairways (w), Greathouse (j), Green Street Green (w), Ilford & Seven Kings (w), Penn (w), Pickering (j), Southborough (w), Stirling (w), Tunbridge Wells (m).
- 1—Bexhill (m), Brussels (w), Budleigh Salterton (w), Canterbury (m), Chalfont St. Peter (w), Corsham (m), Dunton Green (m), Eastbourne (j), Eltham (w), Finchley & Whetstone (w), Hampden Park (m), Honiton (m), Horncastle (w), Hoveton & Wroxham (m), Humberstone (w), Iver (w), Kennington (Ashford) (m), Kensington (w), Llanarmon-yn-Ial (m), Lyndhurst (m), Margate (w), Mildenhall (m), Mold (m), Mold (w), Newark (m), Newsome (m), Penarth (m), Ruislip (m), Sleaford (m), South Ashford (m), Southborough (m), Stowmarket (w), Ticehurst (m), Tonbridge (w), Uckfield (m), Wanstead & Woodford (m), Weybridge (m), Wroughton (m).

We extend a warm welcome to the 105 new members.

1915. Talbot House, Poperinge, opens its doors.



1931. The Old House bought for Toc H by Lord Wakefield.



through the years

1938. Crutched Friars House becomes the women's headquarters.



To mark the 1970 national Festival we illustrate just a few of the milestones in the Movement's history.

South Wales Argus photo.





1940. All Hallows destroyed in the blitz. *Times photo.*



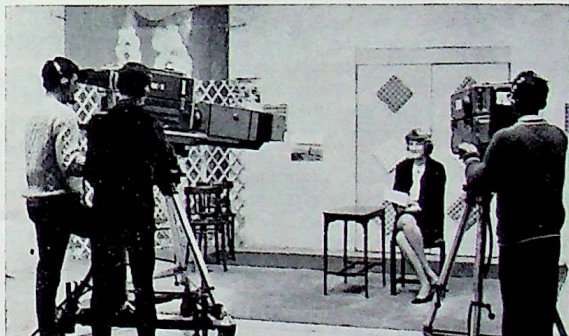
1955. Tubby's 70th birthday. Greetings from Donald Colgrain and 'Pat' Leonard. *Sport & General Agency.*

1965. The Vice-Patron, Angus Ogilvy, attends the Jubilee Festival.

1958. Dor Knap becomes the Movement's training centre.

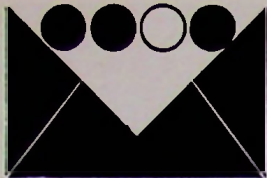


Pat Thomas photo.



The Scotsman.

1970. A new generation. New opportunities. Integration.



Policy for the '70's

The question as to whether Marks are or are not necessary or of value is a secondary issue. Just how secondary can be seen from the comments we have had: how past Marksmen have given leadership to Toc H, how the Mark community cut across class boundaries, and so on.

The primary issue is what contribution Toc H is to make towards solving the problems caused by the tensions in our urban society. At present our contribution in this direction is negligible. We need to strengthen our commitment in large centres of population, by deploying staff in those places and supporting them by every means in our power.

Toc H has always sought to neutralise the differences which separate people by providing the opportunity for face-to-face encounter between those who would not otherwise meet. In this, Marks and branches have played their part, but they were only the means by which this constructive attempt to face difficulties was implemented.

In the very different social conditions of the '70's, we may, almost certainly will, need different means to achieve our aim. Toc H may need to provide a meeting place or residential accommodation for those working in the situation, and in some places it may be possible to use those buildings known as Marks. But this is very different from basing our new work on existing buildings.

To combat prejudice, ignorance, suspicion and hostility we shall need Toc H staff, Toc H members, Toc H buildings, and Toc H money, but the way in which these resources are used will have to be decided by those in charge of the project. Don't let us make the job harder than it need be by trying to express 1970 solutions through 1920 media.

Tom Gulliver

Maldon, Essex

Dare we face it?

If we consider all that has been written or spoken about Toc H, we may feel there is little scope for more enlightenment. Yet, how often do we struggle for an adequate answer to the question "What is Toc H?"

In the March issue, Ken exposes an important facet when he says "Toc H is expressed in a willingness to get involved in other people's problems and to enter into a relationship with them. It is sharing our life with people." But in fact, do we not have many reservations about this sharing of life and weigh up the probable gain and loss to us from our giving?

In the February issue, a message from Tubby throws a searing light on our reservations when he says "giving by itself may be a privilege devoid of pain. A deeper test remains. Are we prepared not just to give our lives but to break our lives? The Lord would deign to use such broken gifts."

To revive our faltering spirits, his message should be boldly displayed wherever Toc H meets. Dare we face it? I doubt that we have the courage.

Ernest Norris

London, N.14.

Doing our bit

As a result of reading *It's the first step which counts* in *Point Three*, May '69, contact was made with the Essex County Office of WRVS, who arranged for a charming member to give six talks—one a month—to Clacton Afternoon branch during the winter months. We found them most interesting and were so keen that it was a pleasure to brave the elements on these afternoons, and attendance was high. Although we did not do any field work, we did become aware of the practical prob-

lems involved in setting up and manning rest centres at or near the scene of any major disaster, and now feel that we could be of some help without being more of a hindrance should we ever be approached to lend a hand. We can therefore thoroughly recommend this course of lectures to any other branch. Now, when we hear of a disaster mentioned briefly on radio or TV and the fact that the WRVS are busy on the scene, we can appreciate what these undaunted women are doing to improvise some help and comfort for the afflicted, and wonder whether the local Toc H branches are doing their bit to help too.

Violet Gatfield

Clacton-on-Sea

Please Concentrate

On fund raising for your own Movement.

Toc H is in great need of financial support.

The priorities of the seventies will make many demands on the Family Purse. You can help by arranging your own money raising functions this summer.

Please Concentrate

Captain Sir Basil Liddell Hart

On the death in January of Captain Sir Basil Liddell Hart, Toc H lost a very distinguished member and helper whose pamphlet in praise of Toc H still gives inspiration.

Tubby writes that one day he took a member of the local branch to call on the great historian, who joined Toc H in 1922: "From that day onward for at least twelve years their fine house became very popular for 'At Homes', and profitable sales upon their lovely lawn. Moreover, the one Toc H pledge of tidying up was rigidly obeyed. Thus up to midnight village torches flashing on the precious lawn and shrubberies could be seen from the bedrooms. On our way to church at 7.45 a.m. we gladly failed to find a postage stamp or cigarette stump."

MARKS—

in a world of change

Sir Alexander Giles
Director



Photo Sport & General.

At meetings up and down the country I have spoken of the present debate about Marks, sometimes bitter, always lively and at its best fair-minded.

Now sometimes we forget the first meaning of the word "Mark". In its original sense and in its modern industrial connotation it means "a model"—and each model was expected to be better than the last. Often this happened with mechanical tools, sometimes it did not: so with Toc H Marks. I cannot therefore understand why CHANGE in the working of our Marks is criticised.

Sometimes we appear to think that the debate is between two narrow minded parties within the Movement—on my Right those in favour, on my Left those against. This is indeed far from the truth. The great debate has been conducted with true Toc H vigour and understanding: members of the Central Executive, members of the Central Marks Team, members of District teams, members of staff, members of Marks Committees, Marks-men—all have argued and shared experience and thought with, I am sure, a mutual enlightenment and understanding. And at the end of the evening's argument it is not always right or easy to sum up. I can hardly hope to do so. But some additional points must be made:

(a) There is a change—and a swiftly flowing one—in the social climate in which Marks now have to work. In time past young men lived in the Marks for a period running into years, so letting the spirit of the house make a real impact on their lives, and convince them of the value of

Toc H: in this way producing many of our past and present leaders. Many men today come into Marks seeking short term accommodation, and often their stay in a London Mark is only three months. In such a short stay there is little opportunity for the small nucleus of committed men to share with them their experience of Toc H. We are therefore forced constantly to question whether it is the job of Toc H to provide accommodation on such terms or whether the property could be used in some other way to transmit the spirit of the Movement.

- (b) The original Mark, as Tubby saw the model, had to contain a resident padre. Today we just cannot expect the Church to spare for us many men of that calibre for full time work. We do, however, have active hon. padres for every Mark, and glad we are to have them.
- (c) The Rucker Report told us that Marks could only fulfil a Toc H purpose if we had Wardens of exceptional character, who must be paid for full or part-time work. Are the Marks able to pay for such men? If not, is the Movement willing to do so? These questions are still being pondered.
- (d) Many Toc H members, and they can find support from professional social workers, believe that in the urban situation the quality of life could be strongly influenced by a community of dedicated people, both professional and volunteers, living together and working from their House. This we are already attempting at Marks I,

III and VI as well as at the Croydon and Bristol Centres.

- (e) Such men as Reg Peters and others came in to do a job for Marks and to expand Toc H through them: and found themselves not Pilots but housekeepers. The double burden of trying to guide the

spirit of the Marks and at the same time bearing the economic responsibility has been an intolerable one and it is surprising that they carried it so well. All I can say as Director is, with Tubby, in all humility, "thank God for such men and for such opportunities".

obituary

We regret to announce the death, in March, of R. J. (Dick) Holloway, a Vice-President since 1957.

And of the following members:

In December: the Rev. Henry K. Flamank (Dartmouth). **In February:** Arthur R. Knipe (Leigh-on-Sea), Victor R. Pettitt (Hythe), Frank V. Rogers (Kidderminster), John T. Tann (North Ormesby). **In March:** Reginald W. Belsey (Hythe), Thomas Booth (Old Coulsdon), Edward B. Fisher (Manchester Central), Arthur W. Jones (Hereford), William J. Morris (Cheltenham), William H. Soppitt (North Ormesby), Alice L. Waite (Central). **In April:** Robert Arnold (The Beeches grp.), Austin Bates (Kennington), Frederick C. Berge (Whetstone & Finchley), Ellis B. Bradbury (Cosby), Lilian I. Fear (Leighton Buzzard), Frederick W. Fox (Sale), C. Vernon Knighton (Coleorton), H. Gwynne Newman (Edinburgh), Amy V. Padgham (Reading), William Rafferty (Manchester Central), Constance F. Richardson (Marshalswick), Mervyn H. Thomas (RHHI, Putney), Doris Van Plieu (Bexleyheath), Violet Webster (Minster-in-Sheppey), G. Ainslie Wilkins (Sussex Area).

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Christian responsibility in business

All Hallows will be one of the main focal points of the Festival weekend. Festival Secretary Colin Campbell describes one of the ways in which All Hallows exercises its ministry on Tower Hill.

There can be few members of Toc H for whom the Church of All Hallows by the Tower has no significance. There must be many who would have difficulty in listing one half of the activities in which it is involved. With the induction of the Founder Padre, Dr. Philip Clayton, as its Vicar in 1922 it became the mother church of the Movement. Under his successor, the Rev. Colin Cuttall, the ties remain and so does the out-reach.

The oldest church in the City of London, with unique historic features and associations, it is also a major tourist attraction. It is also a parish church whose faithful Sunday congregation is far outnumbered by its weekday working constituency. Since its present Vicar came to All Hallows via industrial chaplaincy and the Toc H staff it is not surprising that he should find the business world of Tower Hill and the Port of London a demanding field.

The traffic is by no means one way. The church enjoys the advice and help of a Business Houses Consultative Council which meets regularly for a buffet lunch and discussion in the Porch Room. For some time the need for encounter in much greater depth has been apparent and so a weekend "consultation" was arranged for the first weekend in March.

The venue was St. George's House at Windsor Castle, a wholly delightful conference centre whose charm was enhanced by the snow covered setting and the availability of St. George's Chapel for Evensong and Holy Communion—and by the presence of a number of wives who took their full part in discussions. The theme of the consultation was based on Dr. A. R. Vidler's *Christian Belief and This World*.

Introducing the theme, Colin Cuttall quoted both Tubby and George Macleod, but then he handed over to three members of the Council who, each in turn, prefaced group discussion sessions with deeply thought out papers. Sir Louis Petch, Chairman of H.M. Customs

and Excise, raised a number of pertinent questions on "Christianity in Everyday Life". Stanley Turner, Director of Industrial Relations in the Port of London Authority, spoke of the declining moral standards on both sides and asked whether the church or industrial chaplaincy had a part to play in industrial relations. Kenneth Hall, Assistant Secretary to C. T. Bowring & Co. Ltd., posed the personal problem of the Christian—how does he or she find out what to do, how to face the individual responsibility?

The cynic can be very scathing about business mores and nobody would claim that those who had chosen to attend this consultation were necessarily representative of their fellow board members or senior executives. The fact remains that here were some 20 people, culled from the business parish of All Hallows, prepared to declare themselves committed to a personal attempt to conduct their affairs according to the House Rules of their Father. As one senior director said, humility is an essential requirement of the Christian.



breaking new ground



happy chaos

"Happy chaos"—that's how John Mitchell, of the Midland Regional staff, modestly describes the atmosphere of Mark VI, Birmingham. The chaos, in fact, is only a surface impression. Mark VI is the focal point for a group of mainly young people, some resident and some not, some Toc H members and some not, who know what they're about and are deeply committed to one or other of the activities that are centred on the house.

Some of the decaying areas of inner Birmingham are within walking distance of the Mark, areas where crumbling terraced houses are slowly giving way to the concrete and glass of new developments, areas where problems of overcrowding, racial bitterness, delinquency and homelessness are widespread. To these areas and to these stark problems the Mark attempts to bring the healing power of friendship and compassion. As one vagrant put it: "You're the only people who talk to me who aren't paid to talk to me."

Only 15 people live in the house, but many others are involved in its different activities. In its work with vagrants, with young delinquents, with gypsies and with children Toc H naturally co-operates with other organisations that are attempting in their different ways to meet the needs of Birmingham's inner ring area. The Mark works in close partnership with, among others, Christian Action, Christian Aid, the probation service and the children's department.

Night work

If you are a vagrant in Birmingham, sleeping rough in a derelict house (or "derry") you are not often disturbed. Occasionally the police will move you on, occasionally other "dossers" will stumble on your bedroom, and just occasionally some strange fellow will bump his way up the stairs and offer you a cigarette, a cup of soup and a chat. This is the once-a-week job of the Toc H "soup group". The volunteers (numbers vary between three and



Birmingham—one

seven) start out from the Mark at about 10 p.m. and for the next three or four hours they take soup to homeless men sleeping at New Street station, the bus station and in the "derrys".

The purpose of the group is not just to provide free soup at infrequent intervals. One of the volunteers put it to me this way: "The soup is purely and simply a contact point, and a reason for a chat. If a man wants soup and no chat, fine; equally if he wants a chat and no soup, even better. The group is not trying to be a professional welfare organisation, or an advice body, or a meals on wheels service—it's trying to provide simple human friendship for some men whose major problem is their isolation by a society that doesn't really want to know." Another volunteer added: "It is hoped that a person's self-respect might be at least stirred by someone taking an interest in him and demonstrating to him that he is of some value."

"Under-achieved, inhibited, immature, socially withdrawn, disturbed." The Outward Group is concerned with boys to whom one



Ken Prideaux-Brune

or more of these epithets apply, and they expect to be meeting close on 400 of these boys during 1970. During the year the group will be running 38 weekend and six full week courses at the Toc H centre at Langdale in the Lake District, where activities include fell-walking, climbing and canoeing. Boys are contacted through schools, youth clubs and the probation service. In addition to running these courses the Outward Group works on a longer term basis with two groups of boys who meet weekly, one at the Mark and the other in Small Heath.

According to Jerry Norman, the driving force behind the Outward Group and himself a probation officer, "the boys are encouraged to see themselves not only as individuals but also as part of an integrated and inter-dependent group with common interests and goals. The leaders operate as unobtrusively as possible and tend to lead 'from within' except where the safety of the party demands otherwise. They help the lads to form relationships, attempt to resolve the many initial difficulties and generally aim to ensure

that as many boys as possible return home with a sense of achievement together with some experience of the advantages and the demands of close social contact. While we do not claim to be able to wave any magic wands, many of our sponsors have commented more than favourably on the response which they have subsequently observed in the boys they have sent."

Involving the parents

Mark VI has been closely concerned with the development of the Holidays at Home programme, which was the brainchild of Colin Slough, who was a Clayton Volunteer in 1964. Colin felt that there was a need in Birmingham for the kind of summer programme for children on which he had worked in New York. Every summer since 1965 a three week play scheme has been run for children who would either have no holiday or who need the encouragement and friendship of interested volunteers. An independent committee, with several former Clayton Volunteers among its members, is responsible for running Holidays at Home and it regards Mark VI as its base. This year Holidays at Home will operate in four separate areas—Balsall Heath, North Moseley, Handsworth and Small Heath. The scheme will cater for 100 children in each area. Volunteers will be responsible for groups of about 10 children and will have considerable freedom to plan the programme for their group. Stress is laid on involving the parents and volunteers are expected to visit the homes of their children regularly.

More recently Toc H has been invited by the children's department to try and do something for the children of a group of "problem families" living in substandard housing. During the summer outdoor activities were possible but through the winter lack of premises has hampered the work. The 5-10 year olds have been meeting in a church hall and the 11-17 year olds have been taken to the Mark. The use of the Toc H Landrover has to some extent alleviated the transport problems but there has inevitably been much less contact with the parents than the volunteers would have wished. Efforts to secure suitable premises continue and an application is being made for permission to establish an adventure playground, to be run by a committee of local residents, on a piece of waste land.

The local reaction to the arrival of gypsy families on unauthorised sites in Birmingham in May, 1968, was one of hysteria and protest. "All efforts," John Mitchell told me, "seemed to be geared towards removing these people—at any cost." Toc H had already demonstrated its concern for gypsies



Toc H demonstrated its concern for gypsy families by organising a school for the children.

Photo: A. E. Pullen.

A team from the Mark who covered 112 miles in a sponsored walk from London to Birmingham. John Mitchell, Midland regional staff, is on the left at the back.

through several work projects run at resettlement sites in Hampshire, and the previous month a group of children had spent a week at the Mark seeing various aspects of city life. "And so," said John Mitchell, "rushing in where angels feared to tread, a handful of Toc H people sought to make friendly contact with the families, working initially on the idea that some of the kids might be interested in joining the Holidays at Home scheme. It soon became clear, however, that the parents were not interested in holidays, but acutely interested in schooling. The upshot was that three teachers and two helpers ran a small, three week summer school in August 1968, which was highly entertaining and rewarding, if exhausting." It quickly became obvious that it wasn't possible to do this work in isolation and during and after the summer school several volunteers visited the site regularly, helping with summonses, obtaining legal advice, taking children to hospital—"even," added John, "finding caravans which the Corporation had towed away and hidden in the countryside".

By September 1968, however, all the gypsy families had been evicted from Birmingham and the Toc H involvement with the problem in the city inevitably ceased. Walsall branch are, however, helping with the start of a gypsy school and one or two members, in their private capacity, are actively involved with the newly-formed West Midlands Gypsy Liaison Group, a body trying to promote and defend the interests of gypsies.



Work with vagrants, with "unattached" young men, with children, and with gypsies—these are the main thrusts of the Mark's concern for the community. They are, however, by no means the only activities which take place in the house. Work projects regularly use Mark VI as a base and there are annual volunteer reunions. The Mark is also used as a meeting place by a number of local organisations. The Moseley District Church Players, for instance, have given productions in the garden, and a local art group has held exhibitions in the house.

The atmosphere

To describe the activities of Mark VI, however, impressive as they are, is to tell only part of the story. As important as the work that is done is the atmosphere of the house itself. A project was once described by one of those who took part as an experience "which was, above all, enjoyable in a casual and frequently slightly mad kind of way". That's not a bad description of the experience of living in, or even visiting, Mark VI. As significant to an understanding of the Mark as any of the serious activities I have described in this article are such unlikely events as the "sponsored knit-in", when a group of young people sat on the pavement outside the Mark and knitted for a week to raise money for Holidays at Home: or the 100 hours spent sitting in a tree by four Volunteers, also to raise money for Toc H work with children. Maybe "happy chaos" isn't such a bad description after all.

NEXT MONTH

A second article on Mark VI will discuss the thinking behind the work done there and its impact on those who take part.

ARE WE A MIXTURE?

Huddersfield survey provides valuable information

The average age of Toc H members in the Huddersfield neighbourhood is between 40 and 50. This is one of the conclusions of a survey recently conducted by Huddersfield Youth Action group. In all 118 members completed the questionnaire prepared by the group, which was designed to show to what extent Toc H is really a "mixture" of men and women. Only 9 per cent of the members are younger than 41; 42 per cent of the men and 13 per cent of the women are over 60. "This," says the group, "surely indicates an unbalanced cross-section of the population."

The survey report states: "As far as politics are concerned it is evident that the parties with most support in Toc H in this district are the Conservative and the Liberal. This outcome apparently supports our theory that the environment of Toc H is mainly middle class." This is perhaps supported by the figures on employment. The ratio of works employees to those in managerial positions is four to one, lower than the national average.

The figures on denominational allegiance show that 64 per cent of the members in the Huddersfield neighbourhood are Church of England, 24 per cent are Methodists and only 1 per cent are Roman Catholics.

Perhaps the most encouraging figures disclosed by the survey are those which show that 63 per cent of the present members joined during the past 10 years and that 11 per cent joined during the past year. This raises the question of why the average age is comparatively high. The average age of women joining the Movement is between 30 and 49—enrolment is practically non-

existent over the age of 50. "The enrolment age of male members," says the report, "is more evenly spread but there is a peak between the ages of 40 and 59. What therefore is the attraction for people either entering or enjoying middle age and why does Toc H not draw members from the younger age groups?"

The group are to be congratulated on a valuable survey which demonstrates that Toc H is still attracting new recruits at an encouraging rate but at the same time raises serious questions about the breadth of the mixture within the Movement. It is to be hoped that the group will be encouraged to play their part in finding answers to these questions.

19 years' service

The death of Herr Walter Nitsche is reported from Berlin. Herr Nitsche retired on December 31 last year after 19 years' service as confectioner at the Toc H services' club in Berlin.

Report recommends centres for epileptics

There should be special centres for epileptics whose management presents particular problems, says a report issued by a sub-committee representing the Standing Medical Advisory Committee and the Advisory Committee on the Health and Welfare of Handicapped Persons.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. J. J. A. Reid, has considered the diagnosis and care of epileptics, the needs of different age groups and the work of the statutory and voluntary agencies. The report, entitled "People with Epilepsy", suggests that the centres would form focal points for research and teaching on the complaint and could be provided by the grouping of present facilities.

The report also draws attention to sections of the community with special problems, like the epileptic unmarried mother, who may be refused entry to a nursing home, the housewife sufferer who may need priority for placing her children in nurseries and the epileptic elderly and unemployed.

THIS IS TUBBY TAKING A REST!



Trying to persuade our Founder Padre to ease up a little is like talking down a whirlwind. During a recent rest period at Alison House he was as busy as ever and in this photograph he is entertaining the Bakewell joint branch. The branch also had a busy time the previous Saturday, collecting £40 for the Muscular Dystrophy group in the morning and £34 at a jumble sale in the afternoon—and that was Cup Final day. Photo: Derbyshire Times.

SQUARE ONE

"*Tottenham Herald*, Sept. 11, quoting from a north London parish magazine: 'Toc H seeks to propagate Christianity without practising it.' A handy definition."

From the "*Toc H Journal*," October 1925.

Branch disputes hospital board decision

Saffron Walden branch have collected just short of 5,000 signatures to a petition in an effort to prevent the closure of the casualty department of the town's hospital. The petition is being presented to the Department of Health and Social Security by the local MP, Mr. Peter Kirk.

The closure has been recommended by the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board's administrative officer in a report on hospital facilities. The proposal has brought protests from doctors and teachers as well as from Toc H because of the time involved in travelling to hospital in Bishop's Stortford or Cambridge.

The branch are very encouraged by the response to the petition. "We wish to thank the many volunteers who helped collect the signatures," said a member. "We hope some notice will be taken."



Small resources do not stop Yardley women's branch from giving a party to housebound people each quarter. About sixty people, mostly elderly, have tea at each gathering and entertainment is provided by some talented friends of the branch.

LIFE PRESIDENCY FOR LONG SERVICE MEMBER

A change of chairman at the AGM is nothing new, except when the person retiring from office does so after 43 years' membership of the Movement, during which he has never been without an office of some kind.

This is the record of George Peddle, founder member of Uxbridge branch, who was recently made honorary Life President of the branch by its members and presented with a hip-flask in English pewter.

The presentation must have given George new heart, because by the end of the evening he had again been elected to office. This time as programme secretary for the coming year. What are they going to give him next year, a bottle of rum to go with the flask?

Free garden offered

The women's branch in Redcar have offered the land adjoining their meeting room free to any pensioner who would like to use it as an allotment. The land has recently been cleared of weeds and grass by a group of volunteers as part of a Tidy Up Teesside campaign but the branch do not feel that they are able to keep the garden tidy themselves.

Taking care of the pence

Keith Beck

Decimal currency is likely to be a headache for many people, not least the elderly. Hook branch, Hants North District, are determined that the elderly in their neighbourhood shall have every opportunity to become familiar with the new system; the branch have had 500 cards printed in large type with details of the "rates of exchange" between the old and new systems, and these are being distributed to the elderly during a systematic visiting of homes, when branch members will explain all about decimal currency.

The blood wagon is coming

Martha, the mobile caravan, is being used for a major campaign organised by Toc H to recruit blood donors on the big new Forestdale estate near Croydon. Martha will be used to transport helpers to the estate and as a mobile recruiting centre. This follows the use of Martha on a similar campaign in Croydon itself recently.

Who said that?

The streets of our country are in turmoil, the universities are filled with rioting students. Communists are seeking to destroy our land. The country is in danger, from within and without. We need law and order. Without law and order we cannot survive.

Hitler in Hamburg, 1931.

From the Toc H Notts & Derby Newsletter.

Spotlight

We regret that this feature has had to be held over this month. The series will be resumed next month with an article on a branch in North Wales.

if you pay income tax

You can covenant your self-assessment payments to your branch, or your member's or builder's subscription to HQ.

Income tax is now only payable at the standard rate. This is helpful to Toc H because the complications of the lower rates of tax are removed.

Contact HQ or your Hon. Area Treasurer for details of covenants.

100 more new Builders

450 new Builders were enrolled during the 17 months ended March 31 last, according to a report just published by Builders' Secretary Eric Caulton. "This," says Eric, "is 100 more than in the year ended October 31, 1968, but it is nothing to be proud of in view of the extra five months involved, due to the change of the financial year." There has been an overall decline in the number of Builders of 713 as compared with October 1968. "On the other hand," says Eric, "one pleasing factor is the large number who have been persuaded to increase their annual gifts, some quite substantially." As a result the financial figures show only a negligible drop in receipts.

This is Eric's last report as Builders' Secretary. His final message to the Movement is: "As so often pointed out in the past, if all resigning members were properly approached it should not prove difficult to enrol most of them as Builders."

OVERLAND TO MALTA BY FURNITURE VAN

How do you set about moving house from south London to Malta? Palace Green member John Sayers' answer to that question was to buy a furniture van, load all his possessions and drive himself all the way. The main snag was the amount of form filling that was

necessary, and even then he apparently missed something out, for he was delayed for a full day by the French customs. However, he reports arriving safely in Malta, without a single piece of china or glass being broken.

Bromley plays a cool "drag scene".



When you've seen this you have seen the drag show to end them all. These three doubtful ladies are Bob Ward, Frank Mason and Bill Bastin and they created what was described in the press as a "riot of fun" at the Bromley district annual social at Hayes Hall. Other acts included excerpts from Oliver, ballet and a piano solo. Hayes women's branch prepared the refreshments.

Photo: Kentish Times.

£5 gift for service

Paul Rowles is this year's winner of Sheringham branch's award for service to the community. The award was instituted six years ago and takes the form of a gift value £5 to the member of the youth club who, in the opinion of the leader, has given the most useful service during the year to the club and to the community as a whole. "Whether Toc H has made any impact on the younger generation in this way it is difficult to say," writes George Heir, Sheringham branch secretary, "but we've had useful co-operation from them from time to time, especially when the job appealed." George adds that two past winners of the award, Sheila Raddon (1966) and Brian Graves (1967), have since married.

Youth entertain

The local youth club provided the entertainment at the annual party for the elderly arranged by Terbury branch recently. 103 guests came to the party, all of them over 70. The branch had the co-operation of Rotary in the provision of transport.

eMANcipation

We delicately refrain from quoting the name of the house journal in which we read: "We now have about 50 women engineers with us. They embrace workers in garages, ships and electrical engineering."

Barbara launches a community newspaper



18 year old Barbara Cowles, full-time volunteer at Mark VI, Birmingham, has been the moving spirit behind the launching of the *Ladywood Log*, a newspaper which is intended to play a major part in building community spirit in this Birmingham re-development area. "The residents," says Barbara, "suffer from the architect's dream of a streamlined, efficient, attractive, economically acceptable, estate to replace acres of overcrowded slums. The result is repression and isolation which the residents cannot shake off." Barbara found sympathetic printers, anxious shopkeepers willing to advertise, and many fascinating stories to be written up. It is hoped that the paper will grow and provide a talking point for the people of Ladywood and a forum for their ideas and opinions.

Photo: Sunday Mercury Birmingham.

Popular stall

"The stall run by Toc H at the Margate charity market proved particularly popular for its great variety—anything from an evening dress to a birdcage, from children's clothes to saucepans," report Margate women's branch. Toc H was one of 23 local organisations to take stalls at the market and the combined effort by the men's and women's branches raised just over £26.

Health Committee's tribute

A remarkable tribute has been paid to the work of the Belfairs women's branch in the form of the official thanks of the Health and Welfare Committee of Southend Council for the running of a trolley shop service for the residents of Roche Close for 15 years. The service came to an end only when the home closed last autumn. In presenting an inscribed scroll to the branch the committee chairman mentioned that the trolley service has made a nett profit of £1,200, which had been used to "provide extra comfort and entertainment for the residents. Included amongst the articles purchased have been television sets, radio sets, garden seats, extra comforts at Christmas and outings, to name but a few."

The chairman added: "A far greater service has been the personal touch given by all these ladies. Nothing, indeed, has been too much trouble. It is undoubtedly the personal aspect of the trolley shop which has, over the years, proved to be the greatest value to the residents."

Who said that?

"No doubt some of us have our hands very full, but an hour of really eager service given in true Toc H spirit is as good as a whole week's service given by a man who has plenty of time."

From Huddersfield branch job-master's report—in 1929.

REDCAR STARTS YOUTH CLUB FOR TWEENAGERS

Redcar branch on Teesside have started a junior youth club for boys and girls between 10 and 12 years of age. Darts, table tennis and snooker facilities are provided and refreshments are served by branch members. All monies received by the "tuck" shop are given to the club funds.

At nearby Acklam, during the year ending March 1970, members of the women's branch logged 187 visits to local hospitals where they supervise the mobile shop and library trollies.

16 years as secretary

Rawthorpe branch recently made a special presentation to Fred Tarpey, who has just resigned as secretary of the branch after 16 years' service in that office. In addition to his devoted work for Toc H Fred is also an active worker for the League of Friends of the hospital and a helper at a nearby mental hospital.

overheard in a school playground

Two five year olds were talking. "Do you think" said one, "that thermo-nuclear projectiles will pierce the heat barrier?" "No," replied the other, "once a force field enters the sub-stratosphere..." Then the bell rang. "There goes the bell, darn it. Now we have to go in and string beads."

From the Toc H Notts & Derby Newsletter.



Nairn men's and women's branches became a single joint branch by the cutting of this "wedding" cake by Colonel C. H. Wallace and Mrs. K. Brown at the Highland Hotel. Both are senior members of their branches.

Photo: Alan Stewart.



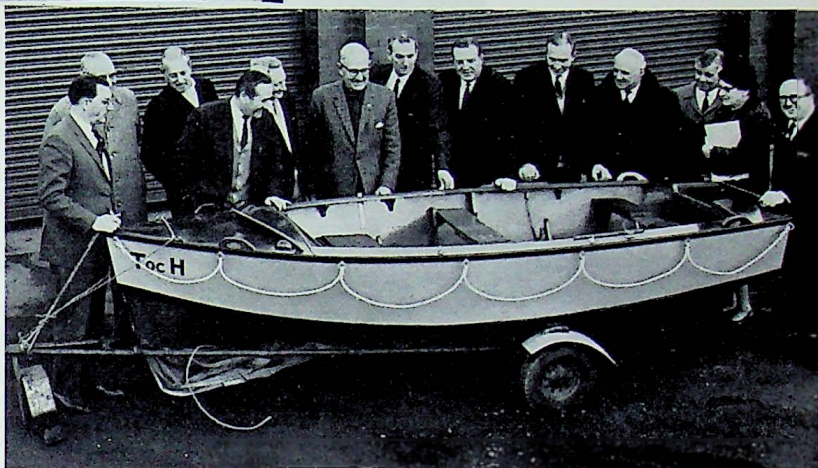
Surely it isn't . . . is it him . . . it can't be. But it is — It's Englebert Humperdinck, international pop singing star. While rehearsing at the King's Head public house, Acton, "Hump" was told about the Champagne-Supper Ball being organised to raise money for Acton Toc H blind social club. He immediately offered 2,000 autographed photographs of himself which will raise about £200. He later agreed to become Patron of the club. In our picture are Licensee Paul Kelly, "Hump" and Mrs. Kelly.

Photo: Acton Gazette.

picture point

Thornton Cleveleys branch has just presented the Urban Council with an inshore rescue boat. Members of the branch are seen looking pleased with themselves at their purchase—as well they might. This is an excellent idea for branches along Britain's coastline. And the publicity value is enormous. Other branches please copy!

Photo: Thornton Cleveleys Times.



83-year-old Wally Arnold claims to be the oldest disc jockey in the country. He is one of several volunteers who operate "Juke Box Saturday Night" for patients at Springfield Hospital, Grimsby, and they have just completed their 1000th broadcast. Scartho Toc H now believes that it holds the record for the longest run of any record programme throughout hospitals in Great Britain. Eric Tilley visits the patients each week with record request cards—and he is an agile 69-years-old. Frank Smith comperes the show and he is already an experienced broadcaster having had professional training with the British Forces Network. During the 21 years the programme has been presented many show business stars have appeared.

Photo: Grimsby Evening Telegraph.



How many times in the past year have we opened our daily newspaper to read of some new incident within the mental health services? In March 1969 an official report revealed brutality by psychiatric hospital staff towards two male patients. In August a staff member of another hospital made allegations about the ill-treatment of two severely subnormal patients who subsequently died. A report by a Regional Hospital Board on a psychiatric hospital revealed overcrowding, understaffing, poor food, poor staff morale and patients "blue with cold". These conditions are not universal and represent the bad side of hospital life, but are still far more widespread than they ought to be.

How many of us glance at these news items and turn the page, feeling justified in shutting out the facts about mental illness and mental subnormality firmly from our

minds? How many of us realise that there is something that we can do about such problems?

It is my belief that a major factor in causing these problems is the refusal of people in the community to accept the facts about mental disorder. We need a revolution in our attitudes towards mental disorder if the situation in the mental health services is to be radically improved. Volunteers who are concerned enough to help can play a major part in resolving the problems that exist, and can help to make the community more tolerant toward the mentally disordered.

20 years campaign

What are the facts about mental disorder? Advances in the treatment of mental illness have eliminated much of the violence and the need for locked wards in mental hospitals. We joke, half afraid, about the "nut cases in the loony bin", but many hospital visitors are surprised by the comparative normality of hospital patients. For the mentally subnormal, who are so crippled mentally that they have the greatest difficulty in learning ordinary school subjects, new methods of training have been developed. These enable many subnormal people to lead fairly independent lives.

The services have changed, so why do these crises recur? The National Association for Mental Health has been campaigning for over 20 years to educate public opinion. However, prejudice and indifference still exist and do much to hinder progress. Community action can be effective in breaking down prejudice and building adequate community care.

Half the hospital beds in this country are in mental hospitals, but the numbers of trained staff in them is pitifully small. They are the doctors and nurses who have devoted their lives to caring for those whom the rest of society chooses to reject. However, it is not surprising that sometimes a few of them become disheartened and even brutal to patients, while so short staffed and caring for so many patients who have been completely

Many people believe that the needs of the mentally ill present one of the main challenges to the compassion and concern of Toc H over the next few years. We therefore invited Douglas Butterfield, a former Clayton Volunteer and a member of the staff of the National Association for Mental Health, to write in this Festival issue about the contribution that volunteers can make in the field of mental health.

discarded by their relatives. Volunteers can do much to take some of the strain off the staff, and can help keep hospital patients in touch with the community.

Many hospitals are placed far away from the centres of population, and resemble grim prison buildings. Such hospitals were built in the 19th century to keep the patients locked in, and everybody else locked out. Such hospitals are today inappropriate and most of them ought to be demolished. Future hospital care will be within the community, either in day centres or in special wards in general hospitals, and will present greater opportunities to community volunteers.

The mental health service is the Cinderella of the Health Service. Lack of money prohibits much progress. Over three times more money is spent on each physically ill person in hospital than on each mentally ill person. The recent incidents have made politicians and Regional Hospital Boards reconsider their financial priorities, but continued pressure from the community is needed to get more money channelled into the mental health services.

Community action such as the work of Local Associations for Mental Health can start to remedy many of the problems which exist because the mentally disordered have been shunned and ignored in the past. Toc H has helped at Warlingham Park Hospital, Croydon, with the routine work of feeding and dressing elderly patients, taking them out for walks and giving additional personal care. Many of these old people have spent their lives in hospital, and contacts with volunteers can start to bridge the gulf which exists for them between life in the hospital and the outside world. Running entertainments or games in a social club for short stay patients will enable them to find their feet again in everyday life. Joining in the work of a Training Centre for the subnormal or in a playgroup in a subnormality hospital can make life fuller and more enjoyable for a subnormal boy or girl. There are many forms which community action can take, both inside and outside hospital, and many professional people now welcome volunteers.

It may be a scandal that the care of the mentally disordered is not all that it should be, but are *you* prepared to do anything about it? There are now many opportunities for work in this field and if you would like to take it up, contact Local Associations Department, National Association for Mental Health, 39 Queen Anne Street, London, W.1. Tel. No. 01-935 1272.

Next month

A second article features the Toc H project at Warlingham Park Hospital, Croydon.



Photos: Nat. Assoc. for Mental Health.



personality point

Hon. staff. George Atkinson, 10 Grantwood Road, Melton Mowbray, Leics. (Tel: 0664 2915), has been appointed to the honorary staff in East Midlands Area.

Staff. Ursula Lefroy's new address is, The Toc H Centre, 1 Sceptre Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE4 6LN. Tel: 0632 39767.

Birthday scheme. Sheila Rowan-Hamilton, the secretary, hopes to meet as many members of the scheme as possible in the Tower of London moat during the Festival informal gathering on the Saturday afternoon. She will wear a lapel card with the words "Birthday Secretary".

ALISON HOUSE. Holiday weeks. These weeks are open to members, their families and friends. There are vacancies in the following parties:

July 25— Hosts: Roland and Doreen Gill.

August 1—8 Hosts: Marjorie and Archie Berry.

August 8—15 Hosts: Johnnie and Mollie MacMillan.

August 15—22 "A Week of Informal Music Making."
Leaders: Philip Lockhart and Brian Sunderland
LTCL (CMT).
Hostess: Erica Trevelyan Lee.

August 22—29 Painting, arts and crafts.
Leaders: Jim and Dee Ellis.
Hostess: Kathleen Owen.

August 29— Walking week.
September 5 Leaders/hostess: John and Gill Hodgson.

For terms (full board) and further details please apply to Joyce Green, Toc H, 15 Trinity Square, London, E.C.3.

Connie Richardson

The death of Connie Richardson is announced elsewhere in this issue. St. Albans (w) branch have sent this tribute:

"Branch member, committee member in all capacities, member at various times of District Team, Area Council and Central Council—a life to the full in Toc H was led by Connie Richardson. For 20 years she taught at Shenley School, Herts., the past two as headmistress. Gay, fun-loving, she was a true leader, strong in ideas and beliefs. St. Albans and Marshalswick branches both owe much to her."



Photo: Slough Evening Mail.

Bill Williams

Bill Williams has returned to the land of his fathers to start what promises to be a very active retirement. His appointment as a member of the honorary staff in Wales was announced last month.

Bill tells us that he was born in Lancashire of Welsh parents and "learned my Welsh to such good purpose that at the age of 27 I secured my first appointment in Wales in the heart of Welsh Wales—Dolgellau. I have always maintained that the main reason I was successful was the impression created by a young Lancastrian who was able to take an interview conducted entirely in Welsh."

He was introduced to Toc H in 1936 when he was invited to speak to Rhyl North branch. When that branch closed at the outbreak of the war he transferred to Rhyl Central and during the years until he left Rhyl in 1955 he held every office at branch and District level. He was also more widely known as the compere of several Toc H Festivals in Wales.

For the next five years his job involved a lot of travelling but in 1960 he became manager of the High Wycombe office of the Department of Health and Social Security, and was able to link up with Maidenhead branch. Once again Bill quickly found himself elected to branch and District office and latterly has been chairman of the Oxford & Thames Valley Area Team.

Bill hopes that his new responsibilities will leave him some time to enjoy his hobbies of gardening, walking, reading and music.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENTS

Small advertisements must be received (with remittance) by the first day of the month preceding publication. The charge is 6d. a word (minimum 60s.). *Point Three* Magazine, 'Toc H, 41 Trinity Square, London E.C.3. (01-709 0472)

Have you been working hard for your favourite charity or church? Why not treat yourself to a holiday at the Normanhurst Hotel, the small friendly hotel on the sea front of this famous resort? Three meals a day plus afternoon tea, own beach hut, close to shops, churches, theatres, sun lounge, and very well placed for coach trips. Write now for brochure and town book—NORMANHURST Private Hotel, Sea Front, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex. (Phone Hastings 4784, mornings, or evenings 6-8 pm).

ADVERTISING PENCILS, superb Ball-Pens, Combs, Brushes, etc., gold-stamped Branch name, raise funds quickly, easily. Details—Northern Novelties, Bradford 2.

GUERNSEY, C.I. Good homely fare with Toc H family. H & C in rooms. Midweek bookings accepted. Terms: BB and EM £9. 9s. Od. per week. Mrs. P. Saunders, Petherton, Tertre Lane, Vale. Tel: Guernsey 44756 (STD 0481).

YPRES. Tea Room and Patisserie, 9 Grande Place. Light meals; teas. English spoken.—VANDAELE (Toc H Builder).



BRUGES, BELGIUM. Hotel Jacobs welcomes Toc H parties and individual visitors to this lovely old city. Within easy reach of other famous cities of art, and of coast. Good food and comfortable accommodation in friendly atmosphere. Pleasant restaurant, bar and lounge. Parking. English spoken. Strongly recommended. Write for brochure and terms to Mr. Jules Lietaert, HOTEL JACOBS, Baliestraat 1, Bruges, Belgium.

GREEN SHIELD STAMPS urgently required for providing better heating for old people. Please send books or loose stamps to The Stowe Community Service, Buckingham.

CORNISH CLOTTED CREAM. Member posts daily, anywhere UK, $\frac{1}{2}$ lb 7s., 1 lb 13s., CWO. Also honey in bulk, vast savings, 7 lbs upwards. WCGA, 134 Fore Street, Newlyn, Penzance.

HOUSEKEEPERS FOR TOC H MARKS

Previous experience not necessary, only a willingness to learn a very rewarding job. If this appeals to you then write for further details to:

The Marks Dept.,
Toc H Headquarters,
15, Trinity Square,
London E.C.3.

B.A.O.R.

There are vacancies for Assistant Wardens in our Services' Clubs in Germany. We should be very glad to hear from single men (age not under 25), preferably Toc H members, who are interested in taking up this kind of work.

For further details write to:-

The Commissioner for B.A.O.R.,
Toc H Headquarters, 15 Trinity
Square, London, E.C.3.

"MANY THINGS"

A new 16mm sound film, in colour, about Toc H, running for approximately 30 minutes.

Made by a professional producer who specialises in social documentaries and who, in the course of nearly 12 months' planning, research and shooting in various parts of the country, discovered Toc H in all its infinite variety.

His film presents an honest and penetrating survey of the Movement and its activities today.

It is a public relations film in the sense that it is ideally suitable for "explaining Toc H" to non-members, but it will also present new dimensions to existing members. It should be the basis of many a training weekend.

From the end of June a copy of the film will be available for hire from each Regional Office at a cost of £2.